

Amendments to the Specification

On page 16, line 7, please amend the paragraph to read:

[0068] In an original transport apparatus constituted in such fashion, in the event of occurrence of a transport problem, drive control means causes pickup roller R16 to be displaced upward in pivoting fashion from a position at which it was beneath and not hidden by outer casing 1, this position having been occupied thereby when original takeup was proceeding, disengaging engagement between thrust pin 9b of engagement piece 9 and thrust piece 6b of pickup arm 6.

On page 17, line 17, please amend the paragraph to read:

[0074] That is, as shown in FIG. 5, outer casing 1 is provided with guide component(s) causing stopper member 4 to be displaced in pivoting fashion such that it is raised upward when arm member 37 is displaced in pivoting fashion such that it subtends not less than a preestablished angle. More specifically, guide surface(s) 41 serving as guide component(s) is/are formed at top inside wall region(s) of outer casing 1. This being the case, when stopper member 4 is pushed upward, top region 4e thereof abuts guide surface 41 and slides therealong in the direction indicated by the arrow at reference numeral 96 so as to cause stopper member 4 to be displaced in pivoting fashion such that it is raised upward.

On page 18, line 18, please amend the paragraph to read:

[0078] Characteristic of the structure of the original transport apparatus of the present third embodiment is the fact that there is a first standby position (the position shown in FIG. 6) at which thrust piece 6b of pickup arm 6 and thrust pin 9b of engagement piece 9 are not engaged but at which engagement finger 9a of engagement piece 9 and engagement finger 4a of stopper member 4 are engaged, and there is a second standby position (the position shown in FIGS. 7 and 8), between the first standby position and a position (the position shown in FIG. 22)

occupied when takeup of originals is proceeding and pickup roller R1R2 has moved downward and away from outer casing 1 so as to not be hidden thereby, at which thrust piece 6b of pickup arm 6 and thrust pin 9b of engagement piece 9 are engaged but at which engagement finger 9a of engagement piece 9 and engagement finger 4a of stopper member 4 are disengaged; and the fact that plate spring 51—serving as retaining member—is provided at outer casing 1, plate spring 51 retaining pickup arm 6 when the second standby position is occupied. That is, the present third embodiment adopts a constitution in which plate spring 51, having ridged detente region 51a formed such that the tip thereof is bent in v-like fashion, is added to the structure of the conventional original transport apparatus; and in which ridged detente projection region 6c, which binds with detente region 51a of plate spring 51, is provided at the free side of pickup arm 6.

On page 20, line 23, please amend the paragraph to read:

[0085] Characteristic of the structure of the original transport apparatus of the present fourth embodiment is the fact that there is a first standby position (the position shown in FIG. 12) at which thrust piece 6b of pickup arm 6 and thrust pin 9b of engagement piece 9 are not engaged but at which engagement finger 9a of engagement piece 9 and engagement finger 4a of stopper member 4 are engaged, and there is a second standby position (the position shown in FIGS. 13 and 14), between the first standby position and a position (the position shown in FIG. 22) occupied when takeup of originals is proceeding and pickup roller R1R2 has moved downward and away from outer casing 1 so as to not be hidden thereby, at which thrust piece 6b of pickup arm 6 and thrust pin 9b of engagement piece 9 are engaged but at which engagement finger 9a of

engagement piece 9 and engagement finger 4a of stopper member 4 are disengaged, and the fact that retaining member(s) provided at outer casing 1 retain pickup arm 6 when the second standby position is occupied—the present fourth embodiment being similar to the foregoing third embodiment in these respects—but also characteristic of the present fourth embodiment is the fact that, instead of plate spring 51 of the foregoing third embodiment, pivot projection 61 is provided at the basal side, about which pivoting occurs, of pickup roller 6; and pivot constraining rod 62, which constrains pivoting of the aforesaid pivot projection 61, is provided at apparatus main body (a U-turn guide in the present embodiment) 71.